

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] In Japanese Patent laid-open No. Heisei ~~8-50132~~ 8-501321, ~~is proposed a~~
method is proposed in which a nucleic acid mixture is adsorbed on a porous or nonporous
inorganic base such as silica gel or glass from an adsorption aqueous solution containing high-
concentration (ionic strength) salts and an organic acid such as an aliphatic alcohol or
polyethylene glycol, washed and then eluted with a solution containing lower-concentration
(ionic strength) salts to obtain a nucleic acid.